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Sir:

Attached are the following four (4) Japanese Patent Office (JPO) Actions issued in foreign applications corresponding to the present case; one mailed 27 November 2001 directed to JP-2-208072; one mailed 20 February 2001 and one mailed 30 October 2001 directed to JP-3-057972; and one mailed 6 November 2001 directed to JP-3-222943.

Further, Applicant hereby respectfully submits the attached information (representing ones of references cited in the aforementioned JPO Actions) for entry and consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

This IDS is being submitted prior to mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified new continuation application, and therefore, no Petition or fee is required. However, if any fee is actually appropriate for this paper, please charge same to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135, and credit any overpayment thereto.

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Four (4) JPO Actions

Seven (7) References